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FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Scenes and Incidents in Ireland's Capital City in 1851 Recalled.

A Period of Sadness, Deportation and Exile For the Irish People.

Catholics and Nationals Unite to Battle For Redress and Resist Oppression.

HISTORIC PERSONS AND THEIR WORK

A glance at the files of the Dublin Freeman's Journal for the last days of December 1851, reveals the fact that things were dull enough in that city this time fifty years ago. Ireland had not yet begun to recover from the effects of the dread famine years, and the failure of '48 still weighed dimly on the National spirits. The heroic and intellectual band of young men who had for a little while stirred the embers of Nationality to living flame was broken up—some, like the best of them all, Thomas Davis—were dead, while most of the rest of the leaders had either been transported or gone into exile. Ireland was, indeed, a little better than "a corpse on the dissecting table," as Gavan Duffy styled her when he too gave up hope and sailed for Australia four years later. The apathetic condition of the country was, naturally enough manifest in the capital also; and although the conventional round of amusements that is part of the life of all great cities never ceased, the majority of the citizens, somehow, took their pleasures sadly enough. The castle and garrison sets, of course, having a life apart altogether from the majority of the people, enjoyed themselves to the top of their bent, just as if they were residing in the gay capital of a prosperous nation, instead of in that of a country that seemed going steadily and surely down into the abyss of national ruin and decay. Fortunately this catastrophe did not overtake the old land, which, thank heaven, has marvelous powers of recuperation; but to the people of half a century ago the future seemed to hold no promise of anything save disaster for themselves and the country. The Celts seemed to the "Times" to be gone "with a vengeance"—and in truth, was the fact; but the remnant left in Ireland, however, was sufficiently visible, as events have amply proved, to hold the country for the Celtic race, and to give the smug Saxon, who fondly thought that '48 had settled everything satisfactorily for him, no end of trouble; state of affairs which shows no signs of waning at the present time, but on the contrary shows every symptom of growing stronger and more menacing to English rule, as the years roll on.

The principal political plot dealt with in the issue of the Freeman for December 29, 1851, was the resignation or expulsion of Lord Palmerston from the Foreign Office, an event which caused a big sensation all over Europe, and was heard of with gratification in Irish Catholic and Nationalist circles, to whom the noble lord's policy was peculiarly distasteful. The same issue also contains a notice of the coming inauguration in January, of the new Catholic Lord Mayor, Mr. John Darcy, who succeeded the Right Hon. Benjamin Lee Guinness as Chief Magistrate of the city. There is also a paragraph announcing the approaching retirement of the Hon. David Plunket from the office of Master of the Court of Common Pleas.

An interesting account of a stag hunt of an unusually exciting character, which took place on December 27, is also recorded. The Ward Hunt met on this date at Clonca, at which place a magnificent stag was unearthed, who, after surveying the lie of the country, went off in the direction of the Ashbourne road, followed in the regulation time by the pack of hounds and the hunting party. The noble quarry crossed and recrossed the road several times, and then made for Finglas, passing through some demesnes en route. He then crossed the Tolka and made straight for the city, evidently having faith in the "safe security of the streets." His pursuers grew gradually less, and he took his swift career down the North Circular Road, unharassed by hounds or men, finally taking refuge in the classic thoroughfare which still rejoices in the name of Stoneybatter. It must have been rather an unusual ending for a stag hunt even in days when they were held in such close proximity to the city.

In the matter of public entertainments we find in the amusements column announcements of "Grand Christmas Pantomimes" at both the Theatre Royal and the Queen's Royal Theatre. At the former the pantomime was entitled "Bluff King Hal, or Harlequin and the Charmed Arrow," preceded by the comedy, "Love in a Maze," while at the Queen's a melodrama, entitled "Hoper," was announced, followed by the pantomime, "Harlequin and Sir John Falstaff, and the Merry Wives of Windsor." In the issue for December 31 the principal topic dealt with at length editorially is concerned with a charge of proselytism, under investigation at the North Dublin Union, a Protestant clergy-

man—the Rev. Mr. Saunders—having been discovered interfering with the religious beliefs of some of the Catholic inmates; and a somewhat similar case, which occurred in the Tuam Workhouse, had been dealt with in the Freeman a few days previously, and a long American letter is also contained in this issue, which deals entirely with the reception of Lord Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, in the United States. A great number of the Irish in America at the time refused to take any part in welcoming Kossuth, on account of his having made laudatory references to England's sense of right and justice, which, indeed, those Irish exiles, then as now, had little reason to have any faith in. Some patriotic Irishmen, however—like Michael Doheny and John Blake Dillon—saw in Kossuth only the rebel against foreign tyranny in his own land, and took part in publicly acclaiming one who, like themselves, was a refugee. Amongst the principal news items is the announcement of the appointment of Dr. M'Donnell, S. F. T. C. D., as Provost of Dublin University.

During the year 1851, the Repeal Association, which had for some time been carried on as the Catholic and Repeal Association, adjourned its meeting sine die in the month of March. In the month of August the Catholic Defense Association was formed at a great meeting in the Rotunda, held to protest against the new Ecclesiastical Titles Bill, which was rightly regarded as a violation of the Catholic Relief Act of 1829. The first meeting of the new Association was held in the Mechanics' Institute on October 17. At the census taken in 1851 the returns of the population of the city were: Males, 117,222; females, 137,628; total, 254,850, being an increase of 22,124 on the census of 1841. During this year also the Midland Great Western railway opened their service to Galway. Such are a few of the principal events and topics which made up the life of Dublin fifty years ago.

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

Bowling Green and New Haven Councils Install Officers.

One of the most flourishing fraternal societies of Bowling Green is Hays Council 167 of Young Men's Institute. The officers installed for the ensuing year, all representative men of the city, are as follows:

Chaplain—Very Rev. T. J. Hayes.
President—J. L. Durbin.
First Vice President—John L. Kister.
Second Vice President—P. Calcutt.
Recording Secretary—Fred Keene.
Financial Secretary—S. F. Durbin.
Treasurer—E. Romer.
Marshal—F. Gottwallis.
Inside Sentinel—John Gottwallis.
Outside Sentinel—P. F. Brasil.
Executive Committee—F. L. Kister, Jr., J. G. Kister and Peter Ackerman.
New Haven has the only council, St. Catherine's, that boasts a junior rank, which was organized through the efforts of John Barry, editor of the Echo. The following is a list of the officers just installed by St. Catherine's Council:
Chaplain—Rev. Joseph P. Walsh.
President—William H. Greenwell.
First Vice President—Dr. M. Laha.
Second Vice President—John J. Barry.
Recording Secretary—Francis M. Hagan.
Corresponding Secretary—Frank Dawson, Jr.
Financial Secretary—Dr. J. J. Greenwell.
Treasurer—Frank Boone.
Marshal—Edwin Dawson.
Inside Sentinel—Charles Coyle.
Outside Sentinel—Thomas J. Thornbury.
Executive Committee—Joe G. Barry, James E. Rapier and W. J. Dawson.

BASEBALL DIALECT.

Used in Priest's Advice Preceding the Marriage of a Player.

An unusual and yet very true humor was displayed by the Rev. C. F. Thomas in his remarks before the marriage ceremony of John A. McGraw, the famous third baseman, and Miss Blanche Sindall, at St. Ann's Catholic church, Washington. He said in part:

"Let selfishness be no barrier to your happiness, but understand that each must often give up much and renounce self that both may enjoy delightful fruit. For you know that it is the 'sacrifice hit' that adds to the number of 'runs' and 'wins the game.' Fear not the adversaries, though many and strong, that may seek to rob you of this 'result' of your union. The 'game' will not be lost as long as you 'work together.' 'Bunch your hits' and 'victory' is yours. She will cheer you, aid you, support you and share your 'triumphs' and participate in your 'defeats.' You will not have trouble to 'manage' her. She will keep in 'spirit and letter,' the 'terms' of this holy 'contract.' Lead her 'around the hard bases' of life. Make her 'steal' her way under the watchful eye of the enemy until she reaches the 'home' of happiness. Make her 'score' many bright and joyous days, that the 'penchant' of prosperity may continually wave over your heads."

ANOTHER COUNCIL.

Members of Unity Council of New Albany last Sunday organized another flourishing council of the Young Men's Institute at Shelbyville, Ind. This organization seems very attractive to young men throughout Indiana and is becoming quite strong.

BISHOP M'FAUL.

Hibernians Show Their Appreciation of His Noble Efforts For the Order.

Presented Magnificent Illuminated Address From National Board.

Designs and Ideas of Ireland's Classic Age Effectively Used.

PHOTOGRAPH SOUVENIR OF OCCASION

A magnificent illuminated address was presented to the Right Rev. James A. McFaul, Bishop of Trenton, New Jersey, on January 2, by Hon. John T. Keating, National President; Hon. James P. Bree, National Secretary, and Patrick O'Neill, of Philadelphia, National Director of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The presentation took place at the Bishop's residence in Trenton, where the officers were most cordially welcomed by the right reverend gentleman. The address was presented on behalf of the order as a token of gratitude to Bishop McFaul for his noble efforts in the past in the cause of unity in the ranks of the organization. National President Keating made the presentation speech, which was brief, and the Bishop responded, after which he presented each of the officers with his photograph as a souvenir of the happy occasion. The address, a copy of which appears below, is a very beautiful as well as a unique and interesting gift.

The address itself is in the ancient Irish text. It is surrounded by an ornamental border composed of interlacing designs, both lettering and decoration being in the style used in the celebrated Book of Kells. In the upper left-hand corner is a pen-and-ink portrait drawing of the Right Reverend Bishop, which is a most faithful likeness, and in the upper right-hand corner is another pen-and-ink drawing of his cathedral, from a photograph. In the lower left-hand and right-hand corners are the symbol of the order and the ancient Irish harp, each surrounded by the shamrock. Merely glanced at, and without close inspection as to details, the address impresses one as a work of art. The colors used are green, red and gold, with the text in black India-ink and the capitals rubricated. The pen work is exquisite and capable of microscopic examination as to mistakes and flaws. The blending of the emblems, colors and designs, that are dear to the Irish heart all over the world is in good taste, harmonious and altogether in keeping with the objects of the order and the intentions of the givers of the address. This, indeed, seems to be the first instance of the kind in America where the designs and artistic ideas of the classic age of Ireland have been effectively used in an original work, and the idea is a happy and successful one, in at least this instance. Nothing made on vellum could be more attractive to the eye or more pleasing to an educated taste than this specimen of the art of modern illumination. Following is a copy of the address:

Address to the Right Rev. James A. McFaul, Bishop of Trenton, from the United Ancient Order of Hibernians of America.

Right Reverend and Dear Sir: When the page of Ireland's history was written in blood; when the story of Ireland's people was laden with sorrow; when the hopes for Ireland's future were dim; when all others had deemed Ireland's cause lost and broken, in those hours of sadness the true friend of a suffering people; the staunch defender of the weak against the strong, the unselfish champion of a wronged nation, was the faithful, the true, the noble Irish priest.

We look back with loving pride over the long years priest and people have journeyed, toiled and prayed together, and dwell with affectionate remembrance on the long history of gentle kindness which was the sole gleam of sunlight that pierced the darkness of penal days. We recall with fond regard the devoted and untiring zeal of the Irish missionary following his flock over seas and continents.

Yes, all the great, if sad, story of the past inspires us with feelings of affection for the Soggarth Aroon who ever remained steadfast to his people. We turn from contemplative gratitude of our priest's labors in the past to you, our guide and benefactor of the present. For years, right reverend Bishop, our ranks were divided by faction; errors kept our people apart and quarrels rendered them powerless.

Our great society, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, for many years has labored for our exiled people, but, alas, under two heads. The hearts of all true lovers of Ireland's nation were uplifted in prayer that some power would join the severed links of Fraternity.

At last, under the guidance of wise leaders, we came to you and besought you to assist us in the great work of uniting our severed ranks. Your splendid efforts and noble self-sacrifice accomplished what all hoped for, and with your blessing the Brothers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians joined hands and hearts in a union we are confident will be perpetual.

In the name of the re-united Order, we thank you, Right Reverend Bishop, for your noble zeal and successful work in our behalf. As our society progresses on the path of unity, new successes will render your name and memory ever dear as the Apostle of Unity. Your kindly words in the great convention will ever burn bright before us as the beacon of true patriotism.

Future generations of Irish exiles will hold in affectionate remembrance the name of our Right Reverend Arbitrator. We beseech the God of Nations to bless, protect and prolong your life. We pray that your years may ever be blessed with peace and prosperity.

We ask you to remember that the gratitude of a people is yours, and we, the National Officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, thank you in behalf of the cause of Hibernianism, which is guided, controlled and inspired by the spirit of friendship, unity and Christian charity.

BEFORE LENT BEGINS.

Young and Old Arranging For Many Pleasant Social Events.

With the near approach of the Lenten season, which all Catholics observe, are extensive preparations for many pleasant social euehres, parties and dances, all for worthy causes. Monday night at St. Mary's Hall, Eighth street, the Leo Dramatic Society will entertain their friends with a fine literary and musical programme. A feature will be the scene from "Mary Stuart," presented by Misses Henrietta Kaiser and Marie Heverlin. The St. Cecilia Musical Club will render several numbers, and among the young ladies taking part are Misses Josie Schmuck, Nellie Angermeyer, Rose Watson, Teresa Girardi, Florence Hillebeck, Rose Pedler, Adelaide Hillebeck, Mayme Kiefer and Mary Glenn. The programme is an artistic one and should attract a large audience.

The entertainment most looked forward to is the candy pulling and euehres at St. Peter's Hall on Thursday afternoon and night under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Seventeenth and Broadway. The one given last year was the season's social success, and this one will surpass its predecessor. The ladies having it in charge will spare no pains in the entertainment of their friends and all who attend are assured a pleasant time. Hand-some prizes will be distributed at night, a large number having been donated. A candy pulling will take place in the afternoon for the children, to which the small sum of ten cents will be charged for admission and candy. The ladies having this affair in charge are Mesdames Thomas M. Ryan, Phil McGovern, Will Dalton, Denny Sullivan, Thomas Tarpey, Tony Norton and Miss Rosie Burke, who will direct the fish pond.

The Ladies' Aid of Holy Cross church have secured Music Hall for Wednesday afternoon and night, January 29, when they will entertain their friends at progressive euehres. The number of prizes to be contested for will be unusually large, as many handsome ones have been received from other States and cities. This promises to be the largest euehres party held this season as well as one of the most select, and all who can secure tickets of admission should do so at once. The sale thus far has been large and insures its success.

Progressive euehres will be played at Music Hall again on Wednesday, February 5, afternoon and night, under the auspices of some of the most prominent society ladies of the central part of the city. Invitations and tickets are now being distributed for the occasion, which will prove a brilliant social affair. The reception committee will embrace a number of Louisville's most lovely society belles.

Friday afternoon and evening, January 31, has been set as the date for a swell euehres and reception under the patronage of a number of prominent Catholic ladies who will use the funds realized for worthy purposes. Trinity Hall, 718 East Gray street, has been secured and will be handsomely decorated and brilliantly illuminated for the occasion.

The ladies interested in this affair are zealous church workers always responding when called upon, and it is to be hoped their friends will show their appreciation by filling Trinity Hall as never before. Patrons will be well entertained and elegant and useful prizes will be given the lucky winners.

Besides the foregoing the Young Men's Institute will give a series of three euehres, winding up with a mask affair at Mackin Council. The first will take place at Trinity Council Hall, the next following at Satoll Hall.

PLEASING APPOINTMENT.

One of the most satisfactory appointments of Mayor Grainger's term is the reappointment by the Board of Safety of Detective John Sexton. This appointment was made greatly in recognition of Mr. Sexton's official merit and because of the many requests of Mayor Grainger that the popular officer be retained. John is a Limerick boy, who will always have the good wishes of his fellow-constituents from that district.

SANTOS-DUMONT COMING.

Santos-Dumont, the famous aeronaut and inventor of aerial apparatus, announces that he will visit the United States and exhibit his inventions during a three month's stay this spring. He will also enter the aerial competition for the \$200,000 prize at the St. Louis World's Fair.

GOOD TIME.

Members of Trinity Council Surprised With Splendid Banquet.

New Administration Begins the Year by Initiating a Large Class.

Young Ladies' Auxiliary Entertain Friends at Tacky Party.

QUAINT AND COMICAL COSTUMES

The new administration of Trinity Council has started the year with a boom, initiating nine members and receiving three applications Monday night. The meeting room was crowded Monday night when President Piazza called the meeting to order, many coming for the purpose of giving the newly elected officers encouragement and a good send-off. Among the visitors were Grand Secretary Lautz, Frank Burke and Hugh Higgins, representing Mackin Council, and Will Kennedy, of Lambert Young Council, Frankfort. All the new members are well known young men who will add strength and influence to Trinity Council. They are Messrs. William Hoellman, M. J. Maloney, Charles Weisenberger, Edward Kirwin, Charles Bismeyer, Bob Kaltenbach, J. P. Cooney. The initiation was very impressive, each officer performing his part with the utmost satisfaction.

An invitation was received and accepted from the Young Ladies' Auxiliary to their "tacky party," and announcement was made that the series of euehres was to be resumed again on Wednesday, January 22. President Piazza announced the standing committees, William Hillierich being made Chairman of the Executive Committee. Among the pleasing incidents of the evening was the enthusiastic reception given Theodore Krieger and Ben Shrader, both pioneers of the Young Men's Institute. The former volunteered his services for another entertainment for the council, and upon his suggestion a committee of seven will be named next Monday night. Appreciation was also shown for the Kentucky Irish American, a large number of copies being subscribed for. When the regular order of business had been gone through those present were invited to remain and partake of a banquet given in honor of the retiring officers. Forming two lines, headed by the officers and new members, all marched to the larger hall, where they awaited them an excellent feast, prepared under the supervision of Caterer Clarence Key and wife. Running the full length of the hall were two tastefully draped tables burdened with everything that would appeal to the most exacting epicure. At a given signal all were seated and for half an hour the good things were disposed of. When the appetites had been satisfied punch and cigars followed, and from then on until midnight the time was devoted to toasts and happy responses. Joe Piazza acting as toastmaster.

Responses were made by ex-President Sullivan, Attorney Emmet Slattery, Tom Garvey, Ben Hund, James B. Kelly, David O'Connell, Dr. Phil Beutler, Jr., Edward J. Bosler, Henry Struby, Dr. Francis Clark, Eugene Cooney, Ben Shrader, George Lautz, Jacob Gross, Henry Stoer, Joe McGill and Mike Hill. Each was heartily applauded, and the happy affair was brought to a close by all joining in singing "America." Many took advantage of the occasion to express their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Key for the excellent repast prepared by them.

The old-fashioned tacky dress party given Tuesday night at Trinity Hall by the Young Ladies' Auxiliary in honor of both the newly-elected and retiring officers was a great social success, though limited to members and invited friends. All present had a really delightful time and voted the party one never to be forgotten. The ladies of the auxiliary all appeared in costume, many representing the old fashions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries as well as the up-to-date tacky costumes.

Miss Rose Gathof easily carried off the honors for being the most tacky. Her costume was one almost inscribable, and was appropriately called the non-descript outfit.

Miss Mary A. Goss was another easy winner, wearing the most elegant old-fashioned costume. The bonnet she wore was her grandmother's wedding bonnet, and measured twenty-seven inches from crown to the great poke front. Her dress was of the seventeenth century style, being embroidered in gold and black velvet, with real lace paniers also embroidered in gold. This costume was worn by Mrs. Michael Ryan, the great grandmother of Miss Goss, at a reception in Ireland over a hundred years ago. The dress was sent from New York for this occasion by Miss Mary E. Goss, a cousin of the wearer. Several photographers called on the prize winner during the week, wishing to take pictures of the costume and lady, but Miss Goss politely declined, saying she was very busy.

There were a great number who would have been prize winners if character prizes had been offered. Miss Fannie Cuniff was a typical grandmother. She was indeed a dream and at times filled the position of the old-time fortune teller with a naturalness that was surprising. Miss Rosana Sacksteder made the hit of the evening as Sis Hopkins. She wore a closely copied costume of Siseretta and won the prize in the cake walk.

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FOUR'S DANCE.

Everything Points to a Big Crowd at Liederkranz Hall.

From present indications and fair weather permitting, the select dance to be given by Division 4, A. O. H., at Liederkranz Hall, next Friday night, January 24, promises to be one of the most successful affairs of the season. The following members of the division will be in charge and will use every effort in their power to give everyone who attends a very pleasant evening. Joe Hanrahan and Joseph P. McGinn will alternate in the box office; Thomas Callahan and Robert Mitchell as door-keeper; Dave Reilly, refreshment stand cashier; Jerry Hallahan, check room; Will Hennessy, manager of bowling alley; John J. Barry, music director, and John J. Grogan, assistant music director.

The committee urgently request every member of the division to make their returns for tickets not later than the meeting of the division next Wednesday evening. If they cannot attend this meeting please send or bring returns before the dance to any member of the following committee: John J. Barry, John J. Grogan, M. J. Hartnett, M. J. Shaughnessy and William Miller.

MIRACULOUS CURE.

Grateful Mother Donates a Statue to a San Francisco Church.

As a token of gratitude for the recovery of a beloved daughter, Mrs. Frank J. Sullivan, sister of Mayor Phelan, has presented to St. Brigid's church, San Francisco, a life-size statue of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The idol of the Sullivan household is Gladys, who is now twelve years of age. For some years she suffered from an affection of the hip, and the best medical skill failed to restore the child to health. Fifteen months ago Mrs. Sullivan took her daughter to Europe in order to consult specialists. Some of the most famous specialists attended her, but there was no sign of betterment.

While Mrs. Sullivan and her daughter were recently in Paris, the annual pilgrimage to the Grotto of Massavielle at Lourdes was in full sway. The stories of miraculous cures came to the ears of Mrs. Sullivan and she decided to take her child to the famous grotto, where thousands of the faithful of the Roman Catholic Church gather each year from every quarter of the globe.

In the little town in the Hautes-Pyrenees, where the Virgin Mary is said to have revealed herself in 1858 to a peasant girl, Gladys Sullivan regained her health. While Mrs. Sullivan is averse to discussing the affair of her daughter's cure, considering the matter too sacred, it is known that mother and daughter returned to this city a few days ago and that the girl was restored to health while visiting the shrine at Lourdes.

The statue of "Our Lady of Lourdes," presented by Mrs. Sullivan to St. Brigid's church is a duplicate of the one that stands in the famous grotto of the little French town. It depicts the saint in the attitude of prayer, and the artist's conception is of the highest order.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

The Holy Name Society of St. Louis Bertrand's church elected officers for the year 1902 at their meeting last Sunday afternoon in the school building. John J. Barry was elected President, Henry Wagner Secretary and Joseph Wagner Treasurer. In the future on the second Sunday of the month the society decided to assemble in the school building before 6 o'clock mass and march in a body to the church instead of going in separately, as heretofore. The society also decided to hold their meetings on the Monday night following their communion day instead of Sunday afternoons.

DOWN TO WORK.

Irish-American Society Starts Off New Year With Rousing Meeting.

Large Vote Cast at the Fifth Annual Election of Officers.

John J. Flynn Succeeds Joe Nevin and Becomes President.

NO CHANGES MADE IN THE LAWS

It is with much pride and pleasure that the Kentucky Irish American announces to its readers and Irish-Americans generally that John J. Flynn was elected President of the Irish-American Society last Thursday night by acclamation, succeeding Mr. Joe Nevin, who declined to permit the use of his name. President Flynn is still a young man, but for many years has been identified with Irish affairs in this city. During the past year he served as Secretary, and in that capacity nothing was left undone by him which would serve the interests of the organization. He is a very forcible and interesting speaker, well versed in the condition of his people and cognizant of the means necessary to advance their welfare.

In response to the special notice that the annual election of officers would take place Thursday night Irish-Americans numbering up in the hundreds thronged Hibernian Hall. All the officers were present except John Kenney, who lies seriously ill at his residence on Second street. Many were noticed present who had not attended a meeting for many months, notably Pat Finegan, one of the founders of the society, Steve McElliot and Deputy Assessor Pat Welsh.

Announcement was made of the death of James B. Cooney, the Chairman, William Lawler, Tom Tarpey, John Flynn and others in brief eulogies paying high tribute to him as a member and citizen. Upon motion the society voted to proceed to the residence upon adjournment and pay their last sad respects to the deceased brother.

After the transaction of other business President Nevin arose and in an eloquent and patriotic speech called for the election of officers, also thanking the members for their loyalty to him during his term of office. He appealed to all present to take a greater interest in the future of the society and aid the new officers in bringing it up to a membership that will number thousands instead of hundreds.

Pat Finegan, Tom Tarpey, Pat Welsh, Steve McElliot, Thomas Claire, Mike Francis, Tom Keenan, Tom Cleary and others declared themselves in hearty accord with the suggestions made, after which each member present pledged himself to give the new officers to be elected their hearty support during the coming year and to attend all meetings.

The election of officers was then gone into with the following result, the vote in every case being made unanimous:

President—John J. Flynn.
First Vice President—M. W. Murphy.
Second Vice President—John P. Chester.

Recording Secretary—Jerry King.
Financial Secretary—William Lawler.
Treasurer—Thomas Keenan.
Sergeant-at-Arms—J. J. Casey.
Sentinel—Tim Lyons.

The announcement of the election of the foregoing officers was greeted by tremendous applause, and when called upon President-elect Flynn and Vice-President Murphy responded in a happy but forcible manner, showing they are close students of the conditions of the Irish race not only in America but Ireland as well. They commended the members for their integrity and progressiveness, and promised with their aid to give them an administration of which they might feel proud. Each officer was called upon in turn and there was quite a love feast.

For some time changes in the laws have been agitated, but no action was taken, the whole matter being referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Thomas Tarpey, Pat Finegan, Tom Keenan, Tom Claire and Pat Welsh, who were instructed to revise the laws and submit their recommendations at as early a date as possible.

There is much speculation as to who will constitute the new Executive Committee. Only one name has been mentioned for the Chairmanship, that being Col. Joe Byrne, Superintendent of the Central Stock Yards. This office is next in importance to the Presidency, and we feel confident no other name will be considered for the position. The other who will constitute the committee doubtless be taken from among Mr. Thomas Claire, Patrick Finegan, John Nevin, James Welsh, William Lawler, Tom Tarpey and Steve McElliot. A proposition that met with much favor was submitted by Vice President John Chester, and if adopted will add greatly to the pleasure provided for the members. It contemplates the holding of social sessions monthly, when members can bring their lady friends. The outlook for the Irish-American Society was never brighter. All that is necessary to make it the success desired is for members to attend the meetings and their share in its upbuilding.